Wagon Manufacturing Unit in Sahibganj

3325. SHRI SIMON MIRANDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a wagon manufacturing unit in Sahibganj to remove the difficulties being faced in the transportation of coal and precious stones from that area;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is no proposal to set up wagon manufacturing unit at Sahibganj.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) By and large no difficulty is faced in meeting the requirement of wagons at Sahibganj, Incidentally, location of wagon manufacturing unit in any particular area is in no way linked with the shortage of wagons, if any, in that area.

Doubling of Patna-Gaya Railway Line

3326. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey had been conducted for the doubling of Patna-Gaya railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Doubling is taken up when the section capacity of the existing single line section is saturated. This section has not yet reached this stage.

Decline in Outlay for Education

3327. SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average expenditure incurred on primary education out of total funds allocated for education has declined over the years;

(b) the average expenditure on primary and higher education out of total funds allocated under Education Head;

(c) the details of expenditure incurred on education in each five year plan so far;

(d) the reasons for decline in the outlay for education; and

(e) the remedical steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). Details are given in the statement attached. It would be seen that the proportion of budgetted expenditure by the Centre and State Govts. on primary education had increased from 30% in the Sixth Plan to 37.7% in the Seventh Plan.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Following the NPE, 1986 a new thrust has been given to universalisation of